

HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY



CANDY



Keep your pet away from the following:

- Chocolate
- Excessive amounts of sugary treats
- Food, treats, gum, or candy containing the artificial sweetener, Xylitol
- Candy/food containing raisins and grapes
- Candy wrappers

TRICK OR TREATERS & PARTY GUESTS

- Frequently opened doors present an opportunity for pets to escape. Be sure that your pet is:
 - Wearing identification (i.e. tag and/or a microchip)
 - Secured to a reflective leash so as to be easily seen in dim lighting
 - Kept secured in a separate room
- The constant sound of the door bell ringing can cause anxiety. Friends and family should be careful around anxious pets. Animals may act out with behaviors that you aren't accustomed to seeing when they feel threatened, afraid, or overwhelmed.
- In the flurry of activity, party guests may feed your pets too much "people food". This can cause an upset stomach and other health concerns.



DECORATIONS



- Some Halloween plants and pumpkins can be harmful. Keep them out of reach.
- Keep your pet away from candles. These could cause a burn risk or even a fire.
- Protect your pet from decoration wires or electrical cords. Pets may chew them and experience shock.

PRANKS

- Cats, and especially black cats, can be subject to cruel pranks. We recommend that you keep your cat indoors a few days before and after Halloween.
- Do not leave dogs outdoors and unattended.



COSTUMES



- Is the costume too restrictive? Can it cause your pet to choke or become injured?
- Can your pet ingest the costume or decorations?
- Are you using products not approved for use on pets? If you plan to use paint or nail polish, choose varieties that are pet-friendly. Otherwise, your pet may absorb toxic substances through the skin or inhale them, causing breathing problems.



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